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### ***Steven N. Wickstrom Promoted to Brigadier General In Massachusetts Army National Guard***

Steven N. Wickstrom of Upton, Mass., has been promoted to the rank of brigadier general in the Massachusetts Army National Guard.

General Wickstrom is currently assigned as the Deputy Commanding General of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry "Rainbow" Division. Wickstrom, a 26 year veteran, is a graduate of the United States Military Academy and holds a master's degree from Texas A & M.

"I'm humbled and honored to be selected for promotion to General Officer during a time of war. In my current position, I work with units preparing to deploy to Iraq and Afghanistan and I find myself in awe of the terrific young men and women who have answered the call during their country's hour of need," Wickstrom said.

General Wickstrom began his career as a second lieutenant assigned as a platoon leader with Company B, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 54<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 194<sup>th</sup> Armor Brigade at Fort Knox Kentucky. He has held various positions to include Battalion Commander for the 181<sup>st</sup> Infantry Battalion; Executive Officer for the 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade; Commander 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade; Deputy Chief of Staff J5 Joint Force Headquarters Massachusetts National Guard; and Team Leader for The Joint Center for Operational Analysis, Iraq, United State Joint Forces Command

General Wickstrom's military decorations and awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal, with Bronze Service Star, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Bronze Hourglass Device, Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon. Wickstrom also earned the Expert Infantryman Badge, Ranger Tab and Parachutist Badge

General Wickstrom is the Vice President of Boston Piezo-Optics, Inc. in Bellingham. He resides in Upton, Massachusetts with his wife, Collette and their two sons, Zack and Brock.